



**United States Department of Agriculture  
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# South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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## General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 26, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.6 inches to 3 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the low 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 30s to the low 50s.

## Crops

Good rainfall amounts across the state helped to improve soil moisture levels, although much of the state was still dealing with lingering drought conditions. Cotton, peanut, and soybean harvesting continued to progress during the week as weather conditions permitted. Cotton yields in the Pee Dee region were noted to be a little lower than last year, however corn and soybeans were above average. Small grain planting and emergence continued to progress slightly behind historical levels. Some producers were concerned about emergence of earlier planted grains due to the drought levels over the last month.

## Livestock and Pastures

Cattle were in good to fair condition, while pastures were in fair condition around the state. Livestock producers have been feeding winter hay early and hope to have enough to get to the spring and future cuttings.

## Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/26/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Harvested.....	78	73	84	77
Peanuts - Harvested .....	98	91	97	92
Soybeans - Harvested .....	70	67	76	59
Winter wheat - Planted.....	46	34	43	47
Winter wheat - Emerged ....	25	17	26	30

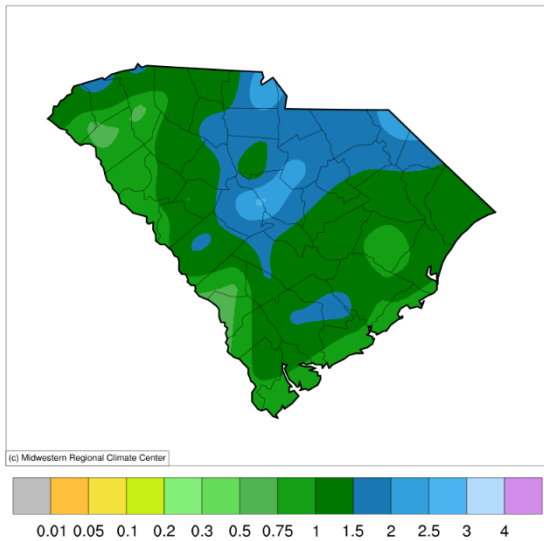
## Conditions for Week Ending 11/26/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle.....	8	12	35	41	4
Pasture and range ....	17	34	41	8	0

## Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/26/23

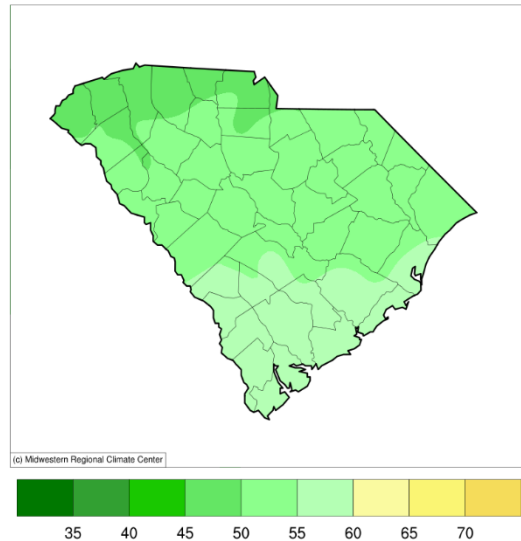
Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	12	6
Short.....	55	49
Adequate .....	32	45
Surplus .....	1	0
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short.....	11	4
Short.....	51	56
Adequate .....	38	40
Surplus .....	0	0

**Accumulated Precipitation (in)**  
November 20, 2023 to November 26, 2023



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**Average Temperature (°F)**  
November 20, 2023 to November 26, 2023



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# U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**November 21, 2023**  
(Released Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	21.89	78.11	64.89	35.81	9.70	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 11-14-2023	24.88	75.12	48.54	30.68	6.66	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 08-22-2023	67.87	32.13	5.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-26-2023	76.91	23.09	1.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 11-22-2022	62.05	37.95	17.09	1.37	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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